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SUBJECT: HONG KONG REPRESENTATION AT CANTON TRADE FAIRS

REF: A) STATE 74984 HONG KONG 3719

1. WE DO NOT KNOW THE REASONS FOR THE PRC'S
PREVIOUS REFUSAL OF VISAS TO CONGENOFFS TO VISIT
THE CANTON FAIR, AND ARE UNABLE TO EVALUATE
THE POSSIBLE SIGNALS GIVEN BY THE PRC'S HONG
KONG CADRES FROM THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN PARA 3
OF HONG KONG 3719. WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING IN PEKING,
HOWEVER, WHICH WOULD INDICATE MORE THAN MARGINAL
IMPROVEMENT IN THE CHANCES FOR APPROVAL OF THE
VISIT TO THE FAIR. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT
APPLYING FOR VISAS AS "OBSERVERS" INSTEAD OF
AS "WORKING REPRESENTATION" IS LIKELY TO MAKE
MUCH DIFFERENCE TO THE PRC.

2. WE ASSUME THAT SINCE PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVERS
WOULD PRECLUDE CALLS ON PRC OFFICIALS AND FACI-
LITATIVE SERVICES BY THE VISITORS FROM HONG KONG,
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THE PRINCIPAL BENEFIT WOULD BE IN THE IMPROVED
ADVICE THE CONGEN WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE US
BUSINESSMEN IN HONG KONG. THE DEPARTMENT IS
THE BEST JUDGE AS TO WHETHER THIS WOULD OUTWEIGH
ANY DAMAGE FROM ANOTHER REFUSAL.
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